GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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LOSSES DUE TO LOSING OF COURT CASES BY CIL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies have all along been losing Court Cases there by causing heavy loss to the Government.

(b) if so, the number of such cases lost during the last five years and the amount incurred in defending such Court cases, subsidiary-wise; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): No, Sir. It is not a fact that CIL and its subsidiary companies have been losing court cases thereby causing heavy loss to the Government. Generally cases are filed either by employees / ex-employees due to grievances relating to service conditions or by customers relating to sale of coal and / or on certain other miscellaneous issues. Cases are mostly filed against the company and very few cases are filed by the company. When cases are filed against the company, companies have no other alternative but to contest the same so that no adverse order is passed against the company.

(b): Company-wise details of the cases disposed off by the courts during the last five years and number of cases decided against the company alongwith the expenditure incurred to defend the lost cases are given below:-

Company	Number of cases disposed by the courts during last five years	No. of cases decided in favour of company	No. of cases decided against the companies during the last five years	Legal expenses to defend the cases decided against the companies in Rs. lakhs (Approx.)
ECL	501	462	39	21.60
BCCL	956	864	92	16.07
CCL	556	503	53	18.55
NCL	169	138	31	12.55
WCL	531	490	41	3.20
SECL	1117	1053	64	4.15
MCL	460	408	52	8.42
CMPDIL	28	25	3	0.54
CIL	106	95	11	2.39
CIL over all	4424	4038	386	87.47

(c): Reasons for losing the cases differ from case to case.